

Remarks

Applicant appreciates the issuance of the Notice of Allowance dated May 6, 2003 with respect to the present application. The submission of an RCE together with the amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 19-47 of the present application.

By this amendment, new claims 48-53 have been added. Applicant submits that the new claims added herein are fully supported in the specification and the drawings as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 19-53 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration.

Each of new claims 48-53 is a dependent claim which depends from independent claims 19 and 28, respectively. Claims 19 and 28 have been allowed. Accordingly, it is submitted that new claims 48-53 are also allowable due to their dependency on allowed claims 19 and 28, respectively. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that new claims 48-53 be allowed as well.

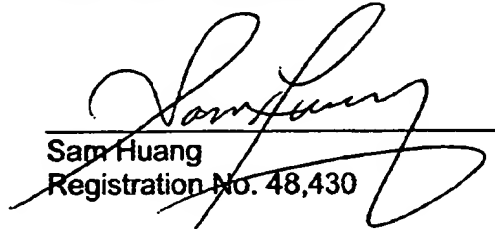
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 48-53 be found allowable along with allowed claims 19-47, and that this application be passed to issue once again.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the

Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 108075-00056.

Respectfully submitted,


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